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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for McGilchrist Street SE: 12th Street SE to 25th Street SE Improvements Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Salem, OR and the project is located at McGilchrist Street SE, 12th Street SE to 25th Street SE, Salem, Oregon, 97301.

The funding is designated for transforming the current McGilchrist Street, which is a Critical Urban Freight Corridor serving an industrial area adjacent to the Salem airport. In its existing condition, the roadway has two 11-foot travel lanes with limited to non-existent shoulders, no turn lanes, and no crossing facilities for over 4,300 feet. There are no facilities for people walking or bicycling and the roadway is subject to frequent flooding associated with two undersized creek crossings and inadequate drainage.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: The project will transform McGilchrist into a complete street that provides the necessary elements to support safe movement of goods and people by truck, rail, car, bus, foot, and bicycle. This project will improve freight mobility needed to facilitate private investments in a federally designated Opportunity Zone. The project will enhance safety and accessibility for people accessing critical services, including the Salem offices of the Social Security Administration and the Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Kurt Schrader
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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